Anno xxxix. Reginæ *Elizabethæ*

An Acte for the grant of three entire Subsidies, and sixe Fifteenes and Tenthes granted by the Temporaltie.

MOst Excellent and most Gracious Soueraigne, the sense and naturall feeling of the singular and inestimable benefits which wee your maiesties loyall and louing subiectes, by the rare and particular prouidence of God, doe enioy vnder your most happy & politique gouernement (dayly multiplied vnto vs, beyond all example of former ages) ought in it selfe not onely to take from vs all dulnesse, or improuident securitie, but to increase more and more a vigilant iealousie of the interruption or disturbance of our present state and condition, wherein wee feele so effectually the spirituall benefit of Gods true religion planted and possessed amongst vs, the restitution of the Imperiall Crowne of this Realme to the auncient iurisdictions and preheminences, and the happy and inward peace so many yeares continued, and ioyned both with clemency and iustice at home, aswell in the moderate pressing, or rather in the benigne remitting of infinite penalties of your lawes, as in tender and compassionate relieuing and restreining of all common grieuances and oppressions lighting vpon the people of this land, which is become sithence your Maiesties most happy dayes, both a port and hauen of refuge for distressed states & kingdoms, and a rocke and bulwarke of opposition against the tyrannies and ambitious attempts of mightie and vsurping potentates. This with many more vnspeakable benefits, are such as wee cannot but with all duetie and deuotion lift vp our hearts to God and your Maiestie in all thankesgiuing and acknowledgement, and also prostrate and cast downe our liues, substance, and seruices, and whatsoeuer we haue, to be imployed at your royall commandement. But when we enter into a serious and setled consideration of our present standing compared with the extreme fall and ruine threa-

tened vnto vs by the implacable malice and violent attempts of our mightie enemies, preparing and enterprising to make a bloodie conquest of this your Maiesties noble Realme our natiue countrey, and vtterly to extinguish our name and nation, or to reduce the same vnder a miserable captiuitie and yoke of forreine seruitude, wee doe then finde the law of nature and necessitie no lesse strong and forcible, then the bonde of thankefulnes and duetie to make vs thinke all too little that wee can yeelde and offer for our defence and preseruation. And lastly, when we doe beholde the rare and wonderfull felicitie where with it hath pleased Almightie God to blesse from time to time your Maiesties most prudent and prouident Counsels, and the executions of them in the breaking, disappointing, and diuerting of so many hostile attempts which haue beene still intended and offered against this Realme: And when wee doe fall into the particular examination howe infinitely your Maiesties proper treasures haue beene exhausted, since we had any opportunitie in this sorte to yeelde your Maiestie any actuall demonstration of our zeales and dueties, not onely by your Maiesties maintenance of extraordinarie armies in Ireland, to suppresse that vnnaturall rebellion fedde by the king of Spaine, & by continuance of assistance to the French king and the Low countries, but also by setting forth both royally and prouidently at sundry times your Maiesties Nauie and armie to the Seas, euen in the times when all things were at highest prices, by which your Maiesties royall care and charge all such miseries as are inseparable from all forreine inuasions, haue bene deferred and diuerted from vs your louing Subiects, and with no small terrour and confusion reuerberated on their owne neckes: whilest wee at home haue enioyed all peace and tranquillitie: And when wee make further obseruation by that light which your most excellent Maiestie in a most gracious trust and confidence hath vouchsafed to giue vs, by letting vs not onely know howe farre onward their most dangerous attempts against this kingdome had proceeded, But also hath imparted vnto vs, what to the vttermost of all his power and meanes is dayly laboured and contriued with all the Princes or States, whom hee can infect against this kingdome vpon false suggestions, thereby the easier to contriue our onely ruine and destruction: we doe confesse (most gracious Soueraigne) that all these naturall and necessarie considerations being duely wayed, haue deepely imprinted in our heartes both our owne imminent peril, your Maiesties infinite care and loue towardes vs (for whome nothing of your owne hath beene to deare) and made vs knowe and feele that no common or ordinarie remedies can be proportionable to these extraordinarie growing and swelling mischieles,

chiefes, but that it is high time for vs to resolue that with all expedition possible this Realme must be throughly prouided of all things fit for maintenance of warre both by Sea and Land, aswel by increasing and repayring of your Maiesties royall Nauie, which is truely termed the walles of this kingdome, and wherein dayly by new preparations the enemie doeth labour and striue if he could to exceede your Maiestie, As also to prouide further that your Maiesties Cofers may be in some measure better supplyed against all sudden accidents, whereof though time must discouer the particular mischiefes, yet due circumspection and foresight must onely secure vs from the perils. To the effecting whereof, seeing so small likelyhoode doeth appeare of any helpe from forreine States or Princes, but that the burthen of the warres, (besides the assisting of others) is like to be throwen still on your Maiestie: Wee doe beseech your Maiestie (as a pledge of our internall zeales and dueties to be further manifested hereafter by the hazard of our liues and fortunes at all times for your Maiesties seruice) to vouchsafe at this present the gracious acceptation of these Subsidies and Fifteenes, proceeding from most cheerefull and willing hearts. And because these our doings shall remaine in perpetuall Record to the viewe of all posterities hereafter, we doe most humbly beseech your most excellent Maiestie, that with your gracious fauour we may testifie and expresse that our intention is, that this which wee haue nowe done vpon so extraordinarie and vrgent necessitie to so good and gratious a Princesse, be not drawen a president for the times to come, vnlesse it be vpon like vrgent occasion. And therefore we doe with all duetie and humble affections that heart can conceiue, or tongue can vtter, present to your sacred Maiestie three entire Subsidies and sixe fifteenes and Tenthes towarde your Highnesse great charges for our defence. And we doe most humbly beseech your Maiestie, that it may be enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, in maner and forme following, that is to say, That your Maiestie shal haue sixe whole Fifteenes and Tenthes to be payed, taken and leuied of the moueable goods, chattels and other things vsuall to such Fifteenes and Tenthes to be contributorie and chargeable within the Shires, Cities, Boroughs, Townes and other places of this your Maiesties Realme in maner and forme aforetime vsed (except the summe of thirtie sixe thousand pounds thereof fully to be deducted, That is to say, six thousand pounds of euery of the sayd whole Fifteenes and Tenthes in releife, comfort and discharge of the poore Townes, Cities and Boroughes of this your sayd Realme wasted, desolate or destroyed, or ouer greatly impouerished, after such rate as was and hath afore this time beene had and made to

euery Shire, and to be deuided in such maner and forme as heretofore for one whole Fifteene and Tenth hath beene had and deuided. And the sayde sixe Fifteenes and Tenthes (the exception and deduction aforesayd thereupon had, deducted and allowed) to be payed in maner and forme following: That is to say, The first and second of the sayd sixe whole Fifteenes and Tenthes (except before excepted) to bee payed to your Highnesse in one entire payment in the receit of your Exchequer, on or before the foure and twentieth day of June next comming, which shall be in the yeere of our Lord God, 1598. And the third and fourth of the sayde sixe whole Fifteenes and Tenthes (except before excepted) to be payd to your Highnesse in one entire payment in the sayd receit of your Exchequer, on or before the xviii. day of June, which shall be in the yeere of our Lord God one Thousand fiue hundred ninetie nine. And the fift and sixt of the said sixe whole Fifteenes and Tenthes (except before excpted) to bee payed to your Highnesse in one entire payment in the said receipt of your Exchequer, on or before the xviii. day of June which shal be in the yeere of our Lord God one thousand and sixe hundreth.

And be it further enacted by the authorite aforesayd, that the Knights elected and returned of, and for the Shires within this Realme for this present Parliament, Citizens of Cities, Burgesses of Boroughs and Townes, where Collectors haue beene vsed to be named and appointed for the Collection of any Fifteene and Tenth before this time graunted, shall name and appoint before the tenth day of Aprill next comming, sufficient and able persons to be Collectors for the Collection of the sayd first and second of the sayd Fifteenes and Tenthes. And also shall likewise name and appoynt before the tenth day of Aprill, which shall bee in the yeere of our Lorde God one thousand fiue hundreth ninetie and nine, other sufficient and able persons to bee Collectors for the Collection of the sayd third and fourth of the sayd Fifteenes and Tenthes. And also shall likewise name and appoynt before the tenth day of Aprill, which shall be in the yeere of our Lorde God one thousand and sixe hundred, other sufficient and able persons to be Collectors for the Collection of the said fift and sixt Fifteenes and Tenthes, in euery of the said Shires, Cities, Boroughs and Townes: The sayd persons so to bee named and appoynted, to be Collectors for the Collection of the sayd first and second Fifteenes and Tenthes, and also of the sayd third and fourth Fifteenes and Tenthes, and also of the sayd fift and sixt Fifteenes and Tenthes, then hauing Lands, Tenements, and other Hereditaments in their owne right, of an estate of inheritaunce of the yeerely value of fortie pounds, or in goods worth foure hundreth pounds at the least, each of them after such rate and value,

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as he or they shall bee assessed and rated at in the Subsidie booke, if any such be in the sayd limits. And for want of such so assessed, that those shall be appoynted Collectors that then shall bee rated and taxed in the Subsidie booke in Landes or goods, neerest to the seuerall values aforesayd.

And also such person and persons so by them to be named and appoynted for the Collection of the sayd fiue Fifteenes & Tenthes, shall be by them seuerally appointed and allotted into Hundreds, Rapes, Wapentakes, Cities, Boroughs and Townes.

And also the sayd persons so named and appoynted for the Collection of the sayd seuerall Fifteenes and Tenthes, shall be seuerally charged and chargeable vpon his or their account or accounts in the Exchequer to be made, with all such summe or summes of mony, as the Hundreds, Rapes, Wapentakes, Cities, Boroughs and Townes where he or they shal so happen to be appoynted, shall amount vnto, and of no more summe or summes. And vpon the payment of such summes of money as he or they shall be so charged with, shall be discharged, and haue his or their Quietus est, The not accompting or non payment of any other his fellowes, or the insufficiencie of them, or any of them, notwithstanding. And the names and surnames of euery of the sayd Collectors, for the sayd first and second of the said Fifteens & Tenths, together with the places allotted to their Collection and charge, the sayd Knights, Citizens and Burgesses for the Shires, Cities and Boroughs whereunto they be allotted, named, and returned, shall certifie before the Queenes Maiestie in the Chancerie, before the tenth day of May next comming. And likewise the names and surnames of euery the sayd Collectors, so to be named and appoynted for the Collection of the sayd third and fourth of the sayd Fifteenes and Tenthes, together with the places alotted to their Collection and charge, the sayd Knights, Citizens and Burgesses, shall likewise certifie into the sayd Court of Chancerie before the tenth day of May, which shall be in the yeere of our Lord God, 1599. And likewise the names and surnames of euery of the sayd Collectors so to be named and appoynted for the Collection of the said fift and first Fifteenes, and Tenths, together with the places allotted to their Collection and charge, the sayd Knights, Citizens and Burgesses, shall likewise certifie into the sayd Court of Chancerie before the tenth day of May, which shall be in the yeere of out Lord God, 1600. according to the tenour of this Acte. And if default of any such certifying be had or made in forme, as is aforesyad, Then the Lord Chancellor of England, or Keeper of the great Seale for the time being, shall immediatly after, name and appoynt Collectors for the Collection of euery of the sayd Fifteenes and Tenthes, in such like maner and forme, as

the sayd Knights of the Shires, Citizens of Cities, and Burgesses of Boroughs, should haue done, and as aforetime hath beene vsed: The which sayd Collectours and euery of them so to be named and appoynted, as is aforesayd, shall haue allowance vpon their accounts, for their fees, wages, and rewards, for the Collection of the said Fifteens and Tenths, in as large maner & forme, as any Collector or Collectors of any Fiftene and Tenth, haue had at any season in time past. And that the Barons of the Queenes Exchequer for the time being, shall and may from time to time award such processe for speedy payment of the said seuerall Fiftenes and Tenths, against the Collector or Collectors of the same, as by their discretions shall be thought conuenient.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that the said lord Chauncellour or Keeper of the great Seale for the time being, Knights of the Shires, Citizens of Cities, Burgesses of Boroughs, Townes and other places hauing authoritie by this present Acte to nominate the sayde Collectors, of, or for the Collection of the sayd seuerall Fifteenes and Tenths, shall vpon their nomination and election had and made, take by authoritie of this present Parliament, sufficient recognizances or obligations of euery person so by them to be named, to be bound to the Queenes Maiestie in the double summe of the summes of their Collection, and to be endorsed vpon such condition, That if the same Collector, and Collectors of the sayd first and second of the sayd Fifteenes, and Tenthes: and likewise the Collector or Collectors of the sayd third and fourth of the sayd Fifteenes and Tenthes: and likewise the Collector or Collectors of the sayd fift and sixt Fifteenes and Tenthes, doe truely content and pay to the vse of the Queenes Maiestie in her receipt of her Exchequer, for the sayd first & second of ỹ said Fifteenes & Tenths, at, or before the sayd foure and twentie day of June next comming: and for the sayd third and fourth of the said Fifteenes and Tenthes, at, or before the sayd foure and twentie day of June, which shall be in the yeere of our Lord God, 1599. and for the sayd fift and sixt Fifteenes and Tenths, at, or before the sayd foure and twentie day of June, which shall be in the yeere of our Lord God, 1600. so much of the sayd summe of money allotted and appoynted to his Collection, as the same Collector shall haue Collected and gathered: and do likewise after the said foure and twentie day of June next comming, and the sayd foure and twentie day of June which shall be in the yeere of our Lord God, 1599. and the sayd foure and twentie day of June, which shall be in the yeere of our Lord God, 1600. content and pay to the Queenes Maiesties vse, at the same receipt of the Exchequer, the residue of this Collection and Charge, within one moneth next after such

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time as hee ſhall haue gathered and collected the ſame reſidue, that then the ſayd recognizance or obligation to be voyd, or els to ſtand in his full ſtrength and power. Which Recognizances or Obligations ſo taken, the ſame Knights of the Shire, Citizens and Burgeſſes, and euery of them taking ſuch Recognizance or Obligation, ſhall certifie and deliuer to the Lord Treaſurer and Barons of the ſame Exchequer, before the ſayd foure and twentie day of June next comming, and foure & twentie day of June, which ſhall be in the yeere of our Lord God, 1599. and foure and twentie day of June, which ſhall be in the yeere of our Lord God, 1600. vpon paine of forfeiture of tenne pounds to the Queenes Highneſſe for euery recognizance or Obligation ſo to bee taken and not certified: And that euery ſuch Collector vpon requeſt to him made, ſhall make and knowledge the ſame Recognizance or Obligation accordingly, vpon paine of forfeiyture of twentie poundes to the Queene for his refuſall thereof: And that the Treaſurer and Barons of the Exchequer for the time being, vpon payment of the ſayd Collection at the dayes, ſhall cancell and deliuer the ſayd Recognizance or Obligation to the ſayd Collector or Collectors, without any other warrant, and without any fee or reward to be payed to any perſon for the ſame.

And furthermore, for the great and weightie conſiderations aforeſayd, We the Lords Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons of this preſent Parliament aſſembled, doe by our like aſſent and authoritie of this Parliament, giue and grant to your Highneſſe, our ſayd Soueraigne Ladie the Queenes Maieſtie, your Heires and Succeſſours, three entire Subſidies to be rated, tared, leuied and payed at three ſeuerall payments, of euery perſon Spirituall and Temporall, of what eſtate or degree he or they be of, according to the tenor of this Acte, in maner and forme following, That is to ſay, aſwell that euery perſon borne within this Realme of England, Wales, or other the Queenes Dominions, as all and euery Fraternitie, Guild, Corporation, Myſterie, Brotherhood, and Comminaltie corporated or not corporated within this realme of England, Wales, or other the Queenes Dominions, being worth three pounds, for euery pound aſwell in coyne and the value of euery pound, that euery ſuch perſon, Fraternitie, Guild, Corporation, Myſterie, Brotherhood and Comminaltie Corporate or not Corporate, hath of his or their owne, or any other to his or their vſe: As alſo Plate, Stocke of merchandize, all maner of Corne and Graine, Houſholde ſtuffe, and of all other goods moueable, aſwell within this Realme as without, and of all ſuch ſummes of money as to him or them, is, or ſhalbe owing, whereof he or they truſt in his or their conſcience ſurely to be payed (except and out of the premiſſes deducted, ſuch

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ſummes of money as he or they owe, & in his or their conſciences intendeth truely to pay, and except alſo the apparell of euery ſuch perſon, their wiues and children, belonging to their owne bodies, ſauing iewels, gold, ſiluer, ſtone and pearle) ſhall pay to & for the ſayd firſt Subſidie, in one entire payment, ii.s. and viii.d. of euery pound: and to and for the ſayd ſecond Subſidie in one entire payment, ii.s. and viii.d. of euery pound: and to and for the ſayd third Subſidie in one entire payment, ii.s. and viii.d. of euery pound. And alſo euery Alien and Straunger borne out of the Queenes obeiſance, aſwell Denizen, as others inhabiting within this Realme, of euery pound that he or they ſhall haue in coyne, and the value of euery pound in Plate, Corne, Graine, Merchandiſe, Houſholde ſtuffe, or other goods, iewels, chattels mooueable or vnmooueable, as is aforeſaid, aſwel within this Realme as without, and of all ſummes of money to him or them owing, whereof hee or they truſt in his or their conſcience to be payd (except and out of the ſame premiſſes deducted, euery ſuch ſumme or ſummes of money which he or they doe owe, and in his or their conſcience or conſciences intend truely to pay) ſhall pay to & for the ſayd firſt Subſidie, in one entire payment, fiue ſhillings and foure pence of euery pound: and to & for the ſayd ſecond Subſidie in one entire paiment, fiue ſhillings and foure pence of euery pound: and to and for the ſayd third Subſidie in one entire payment, fiue ſhillings and foure pence of euery pound. And alſo that euery Alien and Stranger borne out of the Queenes dominions being Denizen or not Denizen, not being contributorie to any the rates aforeſayd, and being of the age of ſeuen yeeres or aboue, ſhal pay to and for the ſaid firſt Subſidie eight pence for euery Poll: and to and for the ſayd ſecond Subſidie eight pence for euery Poll: and to & for the ſayd third Subſidie eight pence for euery Poll: and the Maſter, or he, or ſhe, with whom the ſayd Alien is, or ſhall be abiding at the time of the taxation or taxations thereof, to be charged with the ſame for lacke of paiment thereof.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforeſayd, That euery perſon borne vnder the Queenes obeyſance, and euery Corporation, Fraternitie, Guild, Myſterie, Brotherhood and Comminaltie, Corporate or not Corporate, for euery pound that euery of the ſame perſons, & euery Corporation, Fraternitie, Guild, Myſterie, Brotherhood & Comminaltie, Corporate or not Corporate, or any other, to his or their vſe, hath in Fee ſimple, Fee taile, for terme of life, terme of yeeres, by execution, wardſhip, or by copy of Court roll, of, & in any Honors, Caſtels, Manors, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Seruices, Hereditaments, Annuities, Fees, Corrodies, or other yeerely profits of the yeerely value of twenty ſhillings, aſwell within ancient Demeſne & other places priuileged,

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as elſewhere, and ſo vpward, ſhall pay to and for the ſayd firſt Subſidie in one entire payment foure ſhillings, of, & for euery pound: and to and for the ſayd ſecond Subſidie, foure ſhillings, of, and for euery pound: and to & for the ſayde third Subſidie, foure ſhillings of, and for euery pound. And euery Alien, Denizen, or not Denizen, borne out of the Queenes Maieſties obeiſance, in ſuch caſe, to pay to, and for the ſaid firſt Subſidie in one entire payment, eight ſhillings of euery pound: and to, and for the ſaid ſecond Subſidie in one entire payment, eight ſhillings of euery pound: and to, and for the ſayd third Subſidie, eight ſhillings of euery pound. And that all ſummes to be preſented and chargeable by this Act, either for goods and debts, or either of them, or for Lands and Tenements, & other the premiſſes, as is in this caſe contained, ſhall be at euery of the ſayde payments, ſet and tared after the rate and portion, according to the true meaning of this Acte (Lands and Tenements chargeable to the Wilmes of the Cleargie, and yeerely wages due to ſeruaunts for their yeerely ſeruice, (other then the Queenes ſeruaunts taking yeerely wages of fiue pounds or aboue) onely excepted and forepriſed) And that all Plate, Coyne, Jewels, goods, debts and chattels perſonals, and all Landes, Tenements, and other the premiſſes as aforeſayd, being in the rule and cuſtody of any perſon or perſons to the vſe of any Corporation, Fraternitie, Guild, Myſtery, Brotherhood, or any comminaltie, being corporate or not corporate, bee and ſhall be rated, ſet and charged by reaſon of this Acte, at the value certified by the Preſenters of that certificate of euery pound in goods and debts as is aboueſayd, and for euery pound in Lands, Tenements, Annuities, Fees, Corrodies, and other yeerly profits as is aforeſayd. And the ſummes that are aboue rehearſed, ſet and tared, to be leuied and taken of them that ſhall haue ſuch goods in cuſtodie, or otherwiſe charged for Lands, as is before rehearſed. And the ſame perſon or perſons, and body corporate, by authoritie of this Acte, ſhalbe diſcharged againſt him or them that ſhall or ought to haue the ſame at the time of the payment or deliuerie thereof, or at his otherwiſe departure from the cuſtodie or poſſeſſion of the ſame, Except and alwayes forepriſed frō the charge and aſſeſſement of theſe Subſidies, al Goods, Chattels, Jewels and ornaments of Churches or Chappels, which haue bene ordained and vſed in Churches or Chappels for the honor and ſeruice of Almightie God. And the payment of the ſayd firſt Subſidie ſhalbe by authoritie aforeſayd, tared, ſelled and rated, according to this Acte, in euery Shire, Riding, Lath, Wapentake, Rape, Citie, Borough, Town, and euery other place within this Realme of England and Wales, and other the Queenes

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Dominions before the firſt day of October next comming. And the payment of the ſaid ſecond Subſidie ſhalbe by the authority aforeſayd, taxed, ſeſſed and rated, before the firſt day of October, which ſhall be in the yeere of our Lord God, 1599. And the payment of the ſayd third Subſidie ſhall be by the authoritie aforeſayd, taxed, aſſeſſed and rated, according to this Acte in euery Shire, Riding, Lath, Wapentake, Citie, Borough, Towne, and euery other place within this Realme of England and Wales, and other the Queenes Dominions, before the firſt day of October, which ſhall be in ỹ yeere of our Lord God 1600. And the particular ſummes of euery Shire, Riding, Borough, Towne, or other places aforeſaid, with the particular names of ſuch as are or ſhall be chargeable for, and to the payment of the ſayd firſt Subſidie, to be taxed and ſet by the Commiſſioners to the ſame to bee limited, or two of them at the leaſt, with the names of the high Collectors, and in the ſame forme ſhalbe certified into the Queenes Exchequer, before the firſt day of Nouember next comming. And the particular ſummes of euery Shire, Riding, Borough, Towne and other places aforeſayde with the particular names of ſuch as are chargeable for and to the payment of the ſayd ſecond Subſidie to be taxed and ſet by Commiſſioners to the ſame to be limited, or two of them at the leaſt, with the names of the high Collectors, and in the ſame forme ſhall be certified into the Queenes Exchequer, before the firſt day of Nouember which ſhall be in the yeere of our Lorde God 1599. And the particular ſummes of euery Shire, Riding, Borough, Towne, and other places aforeſayd with the particular names of ſuch as are chargeable, for, & to the paiment of the ſayd third Subſidie, to be taxed and ſet by the Cõmiſſioners to the ſame to bee limited, or two of them at the leaſt, with the names of the high Collectors, and in the ſame forme ſhal be certified into the Queenes Exchequer, before ỹ firſt day of Nouember which ſhall be in the yeere of our Lord God, 1600. And the ſayd ſummes in forme aforeſayd, to be taxed to and for the payment of the ſaid firſt Subſidie ſhalbe paied in one entire ſumme into the Queenes receit of her Exchequer aforeſayd, to the vſe of our ſayd Soueraigne Lady, at, or before ỹ twelfth day of Februarie, which ſhalbe in the yeere of our Lord God, 1598. And the ſayd ſummes in maner & forme aforeſaid, to be taxed for the payment of the ſaid ſecond Subſidie, ſhalbe payed in one entire ſumme into the receit aforeſaid, to the vſe aforeſaid, at, or before the twelfth day of Februarie, which ſhall be in the yeere of our Lord God 1599. And the ſayd ſummes in maner and forme aforeſayd, to be taxed for the payment of the ſayd firſt Subſidie, ſhalbe paid into the receipt aforeſaid, to the vſe aforeſaid, at or before

fore the twelfth day of Februarie, which shall be in the yeere of our Lord God 1600. And the summes aboue sayd, of and for the sayd Subsidies, shall be taxed, set, asked and demaunded, taken, gathered, leuied and payed, to the vse of our sayd Soueraigne Lady, her heires and successours, in forme aboue sayd, as well within the Liberties, Franchises, Sanctuaries, ancient Demesne, and other whatsoeuer places exempt or not exempt, as without, except such Shires, places and persons, as shall be excepted, in & by this present Act, any grant, charter, prescription, vse or libertie, by reason of any Letters patents, or other priuiledge, prescription, allowance of the same, or whatsoeuer other matter of discharge, heretofore to the contrary made, granted, vsed, or obtained notwithstanding.

And it is further enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that euery such person, as well such as be borne vnder the Queenes obeisance, as euery other person stranger borne, Denizen or not Denizen, inhabiting within this Realme, or within Wales, or other the Queenes Dominiõs, which at the time of the same Assessings, or Tarations, or of euery of them to be had or made, shall be out of this Realme, or out of Wales, and haue goods, chattels, Lands, or Tenemẽts, Fees or Annuities, or other profits within this Realme or in Wales, shall be charged and chargeable for the same, by the certificate of the inhabitants of the place where such goods, Chattels, Lands, Tenements, or other the premisses then shal be, or in such other place where such person or persons, or his or their Factor, Deputie, or Atturney shal haue their most resort vnto within this Realme, or in Wales, in like maner as if the said person were or had bene at the time of the sayd Assessing within this Realme. And that euery person abiding or dwelling within this Realme, or without this Realme, shalbe charged or chargeable to ỹ same Subsidies granted by this Acte, according, and after the rate of such yeerely substance, or value of lands, or tenements, goods, chattels, & other the premisses, as euery person so to be charged shall be set at, at the time of the said assessing or taration vpon him to be made, and none otherwise.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that for the assessing and ordering of the said three Subsidies to be duely had, the Lord Chancellour of England, or the Lord Keeper of the great Seale, the Lord Treasourer of England, the Lord Steward of the Queenes Maiesties houshold the Lord Admirall of England, the Lord Chamberlaine of the Queenes most honourable houshold for the time being, or two of them at the least, whereof the Lord Chancellour of England, or Keeper of the great Seale for the time being to be one, shall & may name

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and appoynt of, and for euery Shire, Riding, and other places, aswell within this Realme, as in Wales & other the Queenes Dominions, as also of and for euery Citie, and Towne, being a County of it selfe: And of and for the Isle of Wight, such certeine number of persons of euery of the same Shires, Ridings, Lathes, Wapentakes, Rapes, Cities, Townes and Isle of Wight, and euery other place as they shal thinke conuenient to be Commissioners of, and within the same place whereof they be inhabitants. And also of and for the honourable houshold of the Queenes Maiestie, in what Shire or other place the sayd houshold shall happen then to be, and the Lord Chancellour or the Lord Keeper of the great Seale, and other with him before named, or two of them as is aforesayd, in like maner may name and appoynt of euery other such Borough and Townes corporate, aswel in England as in Wales, and other the Queenes dominions, as they shall thinke requisite, fiue, foure, three, or two of the head Officers, and other honest inhabitants of euery the said Cities, Boroughs and Townes corporate, according to the number and multitude of the people being in the same: The which persons (if any such be) thereunto named, of the saide inhabitãts of the said Boroughes and Townes corporate, not being Counties of themselues, shall be ioyned and put in as Commissioners, with the persons named for such Shires and Ridings, as the said Boroughes and Townes corporate, not being Counties in themselues, be set and haue their being, which persons so named for and of the sayde Boroughes and Townes corporate, not being Counties, by reasõ of their dwelling in the same, shal not take vpon them, nor none of them to put any part of their Commission in execution for the premisses, out of the sayde Boroughes and Townes Corporate, wherein they bee so named onely, nor to execute the sayde Commission within the Borough or Towne Corporate, where they bee so dwelling: but at such dayes and times as the sayde other Commissioners for the same Shire and Riding, shall thereunto limite and appoynt within the same Borough and Towne corporate, not being a Countie, whereof they bee so named, and not out of such Borough or Towne: and in that maner to be ayding and assisting with the sayde other Commissioners, in, and for the good executing of the effect of the sayd Commission vpon paine of euery of the sayde Commissioners so named, for euery such Citie, Borough and Towne corporate, not being a Countie, to make such fine as the sayde other Commissioners in the Commission, of, and for the same Shire or Riding so named, or three of them at the least, shall by their discretion, set and certifie into the Queenes Exchequer, there to be leuied to the vse of the

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Queenes Maieſtie, in like maner as if ſuch, or like ſummes had beene ſet and rated vpon euery ſuch perſon for the ſayd Subſidies: The which Commiſſioners ſo named, of, and for the ſayd Cities, Boroughes and Townes, not being Counties, and only put into the ſayd Commiſſion by reaſon of their dwelling in the ſame, ſhall not haue any part of the portion of the fees & rewards of the Commiſſioners and their Clerkes, in this Act afterward ſpecified & allowed. And the Lord Chancellour of England, or Keeper of the great Seale of England for the time being, ſhall make & direct out of the Court of the Chancerie, vnder the great Seale, ſeuerall Commiſſions: That is to ſay, For euery Shire Riding, Lath, Wapentake, Rape, Citie, Towne, Borough, Iſle, and houſhold, vnto ſuch perſon & perſons, as by his diſcretion, or any of the other with him before named and appoynted, as is before rehearſed, ſhall be thought ſufficient for the ſelling and leuying of the ſayd three Subſidies, in all Shires and places, according to the true meaning of this Acte: which Commiſſion for the payment of the ſayd firſt Subſidie, ſhall be directed and deliuered to the ſaid Commiſſioners, or to one of them, before the twentie day of Auguſt next comming, which ſhall be in the yere of our Lorde God, 1598. And the Commiſſion for the payment of the ſayde ſecond Subſidie, ſhall bee directed and deliuered to the ſayde Commiſſioners or to one of them, before the twentie day of Auguſt, which ſhall be in the yeere of our Lorde God, 1599. And the Commiſſion for the payment of the ſayde third Subſidie, ſhall be directed and deliuered to the ſayd Commiſſioners, or to one of them, before the twentie day of Auguſt, which ſhall be in the yeere of our Lord God, 1600. And to euery of the ſayd Commiſſioners tenne Schedules containing in them the tenor of this Acte, ſhall be affiled, by the which Commiſſion the Commiſſioners in euery ſuch Commiſſion named according to this Acte, and as many of them as ſhall bee appoynted by the ſayde Commiſſon, ſhall haue full power and authoritie to put the effect of the ſame Commiſſion in execution.

And that by authoritie of this Acte, after ſuch Commiſſion to them directed, they may by their aſſents and agreements, ſeuer themſelues for the execution of their Commiſſion in Hundreds, Lathes, Wardes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Townes, Pariſhes and other places, within the limites of the ſaid Commiſſion, in ſuch forme as to them ſhall ſeeme expedient to be ordered, & betweene them to be communed and agreed according to the tenor and effect of the Commiſſion to them therein directed, vpon which ſeuerance euery perſon of this preſent Parliament, that ſhall bee

Commissioner, shall be assigned vnto the Hundred where hee dwelleth.

Prouided alwayes, that no person be or shall be compelled to bee any Commissioner to and for the execution of this present Act, but onely in the Shire where he dwelleth and inhabiteth, And that any person assigned to the contrary thereof, in any wise shall not bee compelled to put in execution the effect of this Act, or any part thereof.

And be it also enacted by the authority of this present Parliament, that the Commissioners and euery of them, which shall be named, limited and appointed according to this Act to be Commissioners in euery such Shire, Riding, Lathe, Wapentake, Rape, City, Towne, Borough, Isle, and the said household or any other place and no other, shall truely, effectually and diligently for their part execute the effect of this present Acte, according to the tenour thereof in euery behalfe and no otherwise by any other meanes, without omission, fauour, dread, malice, or any other thing to be attempted or done by them or any of them to the contrary therof.

And the sayd Commissioners or as many of them as shall bee appointed by the sayd Commission, and none other for the execution of the said Commission and Act, shall for the taration of the saide first Subsidie before the last day of August next comming, which shall be in the yeere of our Lord God 1598. And for the taration of the sayd second Subsidie, shall before the last day of August, which shall bee in the yeere of our Lord God 1599. and for the taration of the sayd third Subsidie, shall before the last day of August which shall be in the yeere of our Lord God one thousand and sixe hundred, by vertue of the Commission deliuered vnto them in forme aforesayd, direct their seuerall or ioynt precept or precepts vnto eight, seuen, sixe, fiue, foure, three or two as for the number of the inhabitants shall bee requisite, of the most substantial, discreete and honest persons inhabitants to be named by the said Commissioners or by as many of them as shal be appointed by the said Commission, of z in Hundreds, Lathes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Wards, Parishes, Townes and other places aswell within Liberties, Franchises, ancient demesne, places exempted and Sanctuaries, as without, within the limits of the Shires, Ridings, Lathes, Wapentakes, Rapes, Cities, Townes, Boroughs and Isle aforesayde, and other places within the limits of their Commission, and to the Constables, Subconstables, Bailiffes and other like officers and Ministers of euery of the said Hundreds, Townes, Wards, Lathes, Wapentakes, Parishes and other places aforesayd, as to the

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sayd Commissioners and euery number of them, or vnto three or two of them by their discretion in diuision shall seeme expedient, as by the maner and vse of those parties shall bee requisite: Straitly by the sayd precept charging and commanding the sayd inhabitants, Constables and other Officers aforesayd, to whom such precept shall be so directed, to appeare in their proper persons before the sayd Commissioners, or such number of them as they shall diuide themselues, according to the tenour of the sayd Commission, at certaine daies and places by the sayd Commissioners or any number of them as is aforesayde, within Cities, Boroughs, or Townes corporate, or without in any other places as is aforesaid, by their discretion shall be limitted thereunto, to doe and accomplish all that to them on the part of the Queenes Maiestie shall be inioyned touching this Acte. Commanding further by the same precept, that he to whose handes such precept shall come, shall shew and deliuer the same to the other inhabitants or officers named in the same precept. And that none of them faile to accomplish the same, vpon payne of fortie shillings to be forfeited to the Queenes Maiestie.

And it is further ordained by the authority of this present Parliament, that at the sayd day and place prefixed and limited in the sayd precept, euery of the sayd Commissioners then being in the Shire, and hauing no sufficient excuse for his absence at the day and place prefixed for that part whereunto he was limited, shall appeare in his proper person, and there the same Commissioners being present, or as many of them as shall be appointed by the Queenes Maiesties Commission, shall call or cause to be called before them the sayd inhabitants & officers, to whom they haue directed their sayd precepts, and which had in commandement there to appeare by vertue of the sayd precept. And if any person so warned make default, vnles he then be letted by sickneſse or lawfull excuse, and that let then be witnessed by the othes of two credible persons: Or if any appearing, refuse to serue in forme following, then euery such person so making default, or refusing to serue, shall forfeit to the Queenes Maiesty forty shillings, and so at euery time appointed by the sayd Commissioners for the same taxation, vntill such time the number of euery such persons haue appeared & certified in forme vnder written, euery of them so making default or refusing to serue, shall forfeit to the Queenes Maiestie fortie shillings, and vpon the same appearance had, they shall be charged before the Commissioners by all conuenient waies and meanes (other then by corporall oth) to inquire of the best & most value of the substance of euery person dwelling and abiding within the limits of the

places that they shall be charged with, and of other which shall haue his or their most resort vnto any of the said places, & chargeable with any summe of money by this Acte, of the said Subsidies, and of all other things requisite, touching the sayd Act, and according to the intent of the same: and therupon, as neere as it may be, or shall come to their knowledge, without respect of any former taxation heretofore had, truely to present and certifie before the sayde Commissioners the names and surnames, and the best and vttermost substance and values of euery of them, as wel of lands, tenements, and other hereditaments, possessions, and profits, as of goods, chattels, debts, and other things chargeable by the same Acte, without any concealement, loue, fauour, affection, dread, or malice, vpon paine of forfeiture of fiue pounds or more, to be taxed, extracted, and leuied, in forme as hereafter in this present Acte shall be limitted or appointed: And thereupon, the sayd Commissioners shall openly there reade or cause to be read vnto them the sayd rates in this Act mentioned, and openly declare the effect of their charge vnto them, in what manner and forme they ought and should make their certificate, according to the rates and summes thereof abouesayd, and of all maner persons, as well of Aliens and Strangers, Denizens or not Denizens inhabiting within this realme, as of such persons as be borne vnder the Queenes obeisance, chargeable to this Acte, and of the possessions, goods and chattels of fraternities, guilds, corporations, brotherhoods, mysteries, comminalties, and other as is abouesayd, and of persons being in the partes beyond the Seas, hauing goods and chattels, lands or tenements within this Realme, as is aforesayd, and of all goods being in the custodie of any person or persons, to the vse of any other, as is abouesayd, by the which information and shewing, the sayd persons should haue such plaine knowledge of the true intent of this present Acte, and of the maner of their certificate, that the same persons shall haue no reasonable cause to excuse them by ignorance, and after such charge, and the Statute of the sayd Subsidies, and the maner of the sayd certificate to be made in writing, conteining the names and surnames of euery person, and whether he be borne without the Queenes obeisance or within, and the best value of euery person in euery degree as wel of the yerely value of lands and tenements, and of such like possessions and profits, as of the value of goods and chattels, debts, and euery thing to their certificate requisite and necessary, to them declared, the sayd Commissioners there being, shall by their discretions appoint and limit vnto the sayd persons another day and place to appeare before the sayd Commissioners, and charging the sayde

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persons that they in the meane time shal make diligent inquirie by all wayes and meanes of the premisses, and then and there euery of them vpon paine of forfeiture of fortie shillings to the Queenes Maiestie, to appeare at the said new prefixed day and place, there to certifie vnto the sayd Commissioners in writing according to their sayd charge, and according to the true intent of the said graunt of Subsidies, and as to them in maner aforesayd hath beene declared and shewed by the Commissioners, at which day and place so to them prefixed, if any of the said persons make default, or appeare, and refuse to make the sayd certificate, that then euery of them so offending to forfeit to the Queenes Maiestie forty shillings, except ther be a reasonable excuse of his default, by reason of sickenesse or otherwise, by the othes of two credible persons there witnessed, and of such as appeare ready to make certificate as is aforesayd, the sayd Commissioners there being, shall take and receiue the same certificate and euery part thereof, and the names, values, and substance of euery person so certified. And if the sayd Commissioners see cause reasonable, they shal examine the said presenters therof, and thereupon the sayd Commissioners at the said dayes and place, by their agreement amongst themselues, shall from time to time there openly prefixe a day at a certaine place or places, within the limits of their commission by their discretion, for their further proceeding to the sayd assessing of the same Subsidies, and therupon at the sayd day of the sayd certificate, as is aforesaid, taken, the same Commissioners shall make their precept or precepts to the Constables, Subconstables, Bailifs, or other Officers of such Hundreds, Wapentakes, Townes, or other places, aforesayd, as the same Commissioners shall be of, comprising and conteyning in the said precepts the names and surnames of all persons presented before them in the said certificate, of whom the sayde Commissioners, or as many of them as shall be thereunto appointed by the Queenes cõmission, shall then haue behement suspect to be of more greater value or substance in lands, goods, chattels, or summes of money owing to them, or other substance beforesayd, then vpon such person or persons so certified and specified, as aforesayd, the same Commissioners shall make their precept or precepts directed to the Constable, Bailifs, or other Officers, commaunding the same Constable, Bailifs, or other Officers to whom such precepts shall be directed, to warne such persons whose names shall be cõprised in the sayd precepts at their mansions, or to their persons, that the same persons named in such precepts, and euery of them, shall personally appeare before the said Commissioners, at the same new prefixed day & place there

to be examined by all wayes and meanes (other then by corporal othe) by the said Commissioners of their greatest substance and best value, and of all & euery summes of money owing to them & other whatsoeuer matter concerning the premisses, or any of them according to this Act: At which day & place so prefixed, the said Commissioners then and there being, or as many of them as shall be thereunto appointed by the Queenes Commission, shal cause to be called the said persons whose names shal be comprized in the said precept, as is aforesaid, for their examination. And if any of those persons which shalbe warned, as is aforesaid, to be examined, which at any time after the warning, & before the prefixed day, shall be within such place where he may haue knowledge of his said appearance to be made, make default and appeare not, vnlesse a reasonable cause, or els a reasonable excuse by the othes of two credible persons before the said Cõmissioners be truely alledged for his discharge, that then euery of them so making default, to be taxed & charged to the Queenes Maiestie, with & at the double summe of the rate that he should or ought to haue bene set at, for & after the best value of his lãds or substance vpon him certified, if he had appeared, by the discretion of the Commissioners there being, which Commissioners shall trauaile with euery of the other persons so then and there appearing, whose names shall be expressed in the said precept or precepts, & in whom any behement suspect was, or shall be had in forme aforesaid by all all such wayes and meanes as they can (other then by corporall othe) for the better knowledge of their best value, either in hereditamẽts or possessions, or els in goods or debts, & therupon shall haue power and authoritie by vertue of this Acte, according to their discretions, to enlarge and encrease the taxation of such persons as they shall so finde by due examination, to be of greater value or substance in landes or goods then they were presented at. And that euery Spirituall person at euery of the said taxations of the said three Subsidies, shall be rated & set according to the rate aboue said, of & for euery pound that the same Spirituall person, or any other to his vse, hath by discent, bargaine, or purchase, in Fee simple, Fee taile, terme of life, terme of yeeres, by execution, by wardship, or by copie of Court Roll, in any Mannors, lands, tenements, rents, seruices, offices, fees, corrodies, or hereditaments after the true, iust & yeerely value therof, and according as other the Queenes Maiesties Subiects borne within this Realme, be charged in forme aboue remembred, so that it extend to the yeerely value of twentie shillings or aboue.

And it is further enacted, that if the said Taxors or Assessors shall

shall not duly behaue themselues in their inquirie, taxation, assessemēt or Certificate, but shal affectionately, corruptly, or partially demeane themselues in that behalfe: in such wise, that the Commissioners shall by their considerations deeme them offenders worthy of punishment, for not doing their duties therein, that then foure or more of the Commissioners in that Countie for the same Subsidie, shall haue power and authoritie by their discretions, either to charge the said Assessours vpon their corporall othes, for the better seruice aforesaid in that behalfe, or else by their discretions, to taxe and set vpon euery of the saide assessours for their misdemeanors in that behalfe, such a fine or paine as they shall thinke good, so that it exceede not the summe of ten pounds, and the same fine or paine at their discretions to estreate into the court of Exchequer. Euery which fine so taxed and set, by foure of the sayd commissioners or more, and being estreated with the schedule and bookes of that limite, shall be leuied and answered to the Queenes vse in like manner and forme to all intents and purposes, as any other summes that be taxed and become due by vertue of this Statute and Acte of Subsidie, and not in any other wise or manner.

And if any person certified or rated by vertue of this Act, whether he be a commissioner or other, to any manner of value, doth finde himselfe grieued with the same presentment, selling or rating, and thereupon complaine to the Commissioners before whom he shall be called, sessed or taxed, or before two of them, before the same taxation be certified into the Court of Exchequer, that the saide Commissioners, or two of them, shall by all wayes and meanes examine particularly and distinctly the person so complaining, vpon his othe, and other his neighbours by their discretions, of euery his landes and tenements aboue specified, and of euery his goods, chattels & debts aboue mentioned. And after due examination and perfect knowledge thereof had and perceiued by the said Commissioners, or two of them, which shall haue power by authoritie aforesaid, the sayd Commissioners or two of them to whom any such complaint shall be made by their discretion, vpon the oth of the sayd person so complaining, may abate, defalke, increase or inlarge the same assessements according as it shal appeare vnto them iust vpō the same examination, and the same summe so abated defalked, increased or enlarged shalbe by them estreated in forme as hereafter ensueth. And if it bee proued by witnesses or by the parties owne confession, or other lawfull wayes or meanes, within a yeere after any such othe made, that the same person so rated & sworne, was of any better or greater value in landes, goods, or other

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things aboue ſpecified, at the time of his ſayde othe, then the ſame perſon ſo ſworne did declare vpon his ſayd othe, that then euery ſuch perſon ſo offending, ſhall looſe and forfeit to the Queenes Maieſtie, ſo much lawfull money of England, as he the ſame perſon ſo ſworne was ſet at or taxed to pay.

And alſo it is enacted by the ſame authoritie, that euery perſon to be rated and taxed as is aforeſaid, ſhall be rated and ſet, and the ſumme on him ſet, to be leuied at ſuch place, where he & his family were reſident for the moſt part of the yere next before the ſame preſentment & taxation made, and no where elſe. And that no Commiſſioner for this Subſidie ſhall be rated or taxed for his goods or lands, but in the Shire or other place where he ſhall be Commiſſioner. And that if any perſon chargeable to this Act, at the time of the ſame aſſeſſing, happen to be out of this Realme, & out of Wales, or farre from the place where he ſhall be knowne: then he to be ſet, where he was laſt abiding in this Realme or within Wales, and after the ſubſtance, value & other profits of euery perſon, to be knowne by the examination, certificate or other maner of wiſe as is aforeſaid. And that the ſaid Commiſſioners, or as many of them as ſhal be appointed by the Queenes Maieſties Commiſſion or Commiſſioners, ſhall after the rate & rates aforeſaid, cauſe euery perſon ſo to be ſet, rated & taxed, according to the rate of the ſubſtance & value of his lands, goods, chattels, & other profits chargeable by this Acte, whereby the greateſt or moſt beſt ſumme or ſummes according to his moſt ſubſtance, by reaſon of this Acte, might or may be ſet or taxed.

And that euery perſon taxed in any Countie or place other then where he and his familie were reſiant for the moſt part of the yeare then next before, or in any Countie or place, other then where he is a Commiſſioner for the Subſidie, if hee be a Commiſſioner, vpon certificate made to the ſaid Court of Exchequer, vnder the hand and Seales of two Commiſſioners for the ſame Subſidie, in the ſame Countie or place where ſuch perſon and his familie were reſiant for the moſt part of the yeare then next before, or where he is a Commiſſioner for the taxation and payment of the ſame Subſidie, teſtifying ſuch his moſt reſiancie, hauing of familie, or being a Commiſſioner, ſhall be a ſufficient diſcharge for the taxation of that perſon in all other places, and of and for all other ſummes of money vpon ſuch perſons ſo ſet and taxed, ſaue onely the taxation made in that Countie or place from which ſuch certificate ſhall bee made, as is aforeſaid, and for the ſumme of money vpon ſuch perſons there aſſeſſed or taxed. And that ſuch certificate ſhall be any Plea or other circumſtance, ſhall be a ſufficient warrant aſ-

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well to the Barons and Auditor & Auditors of the sayd Court of Exchequer, as to all and euery other officers, to whome the allowance thereof shall appertaine, paying for such discharge and allowance onely six pence and no more.

Prouided alwaies, that euery such person which shalbe rated or taxed according to the intent and true meaning of this Acte, for payment of and to these Subsidies, for and after the yeerely value of his lands, tenements, and other reall possessions or profits, at any of the sayd taxations, shall not after be set and rated for his goods and chattels, or other mooueable substance at the same taxation, and that he that shall be set, charged or taxed for the same Subsidies for his goods, chattels, and other mooueables at any of the sayd taxations, according to the true meaning of this Act, shall not after be charged, taxed, or chargeable for his lands or other reall possessions & profits abouesaid, at the same taxations, or any of them, nor that any person by any taxation, be double charged for the sayd Subsidies, nor set, or taxed at seuerall places by reason of this Act: But if any person happen to be double set, taxed or charged, either in one place, or at seuerall places, then he to be discharged of the one taxation, and charged with the other, according to the meaning and intent of this Act, any thing cõteined in this present Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

And that it be ordained and enacted by the sayd authority of this present Parliament, that no person hauing two mansions or two places to resort vnto, or calling himself houshold seruant or waiting seruant to the Queenes Maiestie, or other Lord, or Lady, Master or Mistresse, bee excused vpon his saying, from the taxes of the sayd Subsidies, in neither of the places where he may be set or taxed, vnlesse hee bring a certificate in writing from the Commissioners where that he is so set or taxed indeed at one place. And if any person that ought to be set and taxed to these present Subsidies, by reason of his remouing, or resorting to two places, or by reason of his saying that he elsewhere was taxed, or by reason of any priuiledge of his dwelling or abiding in any place, not being forepriled in this Act, or otherwise by his couin or craft, or by any words or sayings, or otherwise: or if any that is a Commissioner or Assessour of others happen to escape from the said taxations for the payment of these Subsidies, or any of them, and be not set and taxed, according to the true intent of this Act, and that prooued by presentment, examination, information or otherwise before the sayd Cõmissioners or two of them, or before the Barons of the Queenes Maiesties Exchequer, or two Justices of the peace, of the County where such person

ſon dwelleth: Then euery ſuch perſon that by ſuch meanes or otherwiſe willingly by couin or without iuſt cauſe, ſhall happen to eſcape from the ſayd taxations or payments aforeſaid, or any of them, and ſhall not be rated, taxed and ſet, ſhalbe charged vpon the knowledge and proofe thereof, with, and at the double value of ſo much as he ſhould, might or ought to haue bene ſet and taxed at by vertue of this Act. And the ſame double value to be leuied, gathered and paied of his goods and chattels, lands and tenements, towards the ſaid Subſidies: and further to be puniſhed according to the diſcretions of the Barons, Juſtices and Commiſſioners, before whom hee ſhall be conuicted for his offence and deceit in that behalfe.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforeſayd, that the ſayd Commiſſioners in euery Commiſſion, which ſhall be or inhabite in any Countie or place within the limits of their Commiſſion, or the more part of them ſhall haue full power and authoritie by this Act, to ſet, taxe and ſeſſe euery other Commiſſioner ioyned with them in euery ſuch Commiſſion, and the ſayd Commiſſioners within euery diuiſion ſhall alſo aſſeſſe euery Aſſeſſor within their diuiſion, for his or their goods, landes, and other the premiſſes as is aboueſayd. By the which ſayd Commiſſion the ſayd Commiſſioners to whome it ſhall appertaine, ſhall indifferently ſet, taxe and ſeſſe themſelues and the ſaid aſſeſſors, and that alwel the ſummes vpon euery of the ſayd Commiſſioners and Aſſeſſors ſo ſeſſed, rated & taxed, as the ſummes made and preſented by the Preſenters, as is aboueſayd, ſhall be written, certified, ſet & eſtreated, and the eſtreats thereof to be made with other the inhabitants of that part, & within the limits of the ſame commiſſion and diuiſion, ſo to be gathered and leuied in like maner as it ought or ſhould haue beene, if the ſayde Commiſſioners had not beene in the ſayd Commiſſion. And that all perſons of the eſtate of a Baron or Barons, and euery eſtate aboue ſhall be charged with their freeholde & value as aforeſayd, by the Chanceller or Lord Keeper of the great ſeale of England, the hie Treaſurer of England for the time being, or one of them, together with other ſuch perſons as by the Queenes Maieſties authoritie or commandement ſhalbe named and appointed, and they to be charged for the ſayd ſeuerall paiments of the ſaid Subſidies after the forme of the ſayd grant according to the taxation aforeſayd. And the ſumme of and vpon them to be ſet and taxed, with the names of the Collectors appointed for the gathering and paying of the ſame to be eſtreated, deliuered and certified at daies and places aboue ſpecified, by the Lord Chancellor or keeper of the great Seale, and Lord Treaſurer or one of them, together

gether with other ſuch perſons as thereunto ſhall be named, as is aforeſayd.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforeſayd, that after the taxes and aſſeſſes of the ſayd ſummes vpon & by the ſayd aſſeſſing & certificate as is aforeſaid made, the ſayde Commiſſioners or as many of them, as ſhall bee thereunto appointed, and haue authoritie by the Queenes Maieſties Commiſſion, ſhall with all ſpeede, and without delay by their writing, eſtreate the ſayd taxes thereof, vnder the ſeales & ſignes manuel of the ſayd commiſſioners, or as many of them as ſhall be appointed at the leaſt. And the ſame ſhall deliuer vnto ſufficient and ſubſtanciall inhabitants, Conſtables, Subconſtables, Bailifes & other officers ioyntly of Hundreds, Townes, Pariſhes, and other places aforeſaid within their limits, and to other ſufficient perſons inhabitants of the ſame, only by the diſcretion of the ſayd Commiſſioners, with the aſſent of the high Collector, & as the place and parties ſhall require, aſwell the particular names and ſurnames, as the remembrance of all the ſummes of money tared and ſet, of and vpon euery perſon aſwel man as woman chargeable to this Act, houſholders and all other inhabitants & dwellers within the ſayd Pariſhes, Townes and places contributie to this Act of Subſidies. By authority of which writing and eſtreat ſo deliuered, the ſaid officers and other perſons ſo named and deputed, ſeuerally ſhall haue full power and authority by vertue of this Act, immediatly after the deliuery of the ſayde writing or eſtreate, to demand, leuie, and gather of euery perſon therin ſpecified, the ſumme and ſummes in the ſame writing or eſtreate compriſed: And for non paiment thereof, to diſtreine the ſame perſon or perſons ſo being behind of their goods and chattels, and the diſtreſſe ſo taken to keep by the ſpace of eight daies, at the coſts and charges of the owner thereof. And if the ſaid owner do not pay ſuch ſumme of money as ſhall be tared by authority of this act within ỹ ſame eight daies, then the ſame diſtreſſe to be appraiſed by foure or three or two of the inhabitãts where ſuch diſtreſſe is taken, and alſo then to be ſold by the Conſtable or other Collector for the payment of the ſayd money, and the ouerplus comming of the ſale and keeping thereof (if any be) to be immediatly reſtored to the owner of the ſame diſtreſſe, which ſaid Officers and other perſons ſo deputed to aſke, take, gather, and leuie the ſaid ſummes, ſhall anſwere and be charged for the portion onely to them aſſigned and limited to be gathered, leuied and compriſed in the ſaid writing or Eſtreate ſo to them as is aforeſayd, deliuered to the vſe of our Soueraigne Ladie the Queenes Maieſtie, and her heires and ſucceſſors, and the ſayd

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ſumme in that writing or eſtreate compriſed, to pay vnto ye high collector or collectors of that place, for the collection of the ſame in maner and forme vnder written thereunto to be named and deputed, and the ſame inhabitants & officers ſo gathering the ſame particular ſummes for their collection therof, ſhall reteine for euery twentie ſhillings ſo by them receiued and paide, two pence, And that to be allowed at the payment of their collection by them to be made, to the high collector or collectors.

And further be it enacted by the ſayd authoritie, that the ſayd Commiſſioners or the more part of them, as ſhall take vpon thē the execution and buſines of the ſayd commiſſion, ſhall for euery of the ſayd payments of the ſayd Subſidies, name ſuch ſufficient and able perſons, which then ſhal haue and poſſeſſe landes and other hereditaments in their owne right, of the cleere yerely value of fortie poundes, or goods to the value of foure hundred poundes at the leaſt, as he ſhall bee taxed in the Subſidie booke, if any ſuch be in the ſayd limits, and for want of ſuch ſo aſſeſſed, then thoſe to be appointed Collectours that then ſhal be ſufficient, and rated & taxed in the Subſidie bookes in lands or goods neereſt to the values aforeſayd, as by their diſcretion ſhall bee thought good, in Shires, Ridings, Lathes, Wapentakes, Rapes, Cities, Townes corporate, and other whatſoeuer places aſwell within places priuiledged as without, not being forepriſed within this Act to be high Collectours, and to haue the collection, and receipt of the ſayd ſummes ſet, and leuiable within the precinct, limits & bounds where they ſhall be ſo limited and appointed to be high Collectors. And to euery of the ſayd Collectors ſo ſeuerally named, the ſaid Cōmiſſioners or two of thē at the leaſt with al ſpeed and without delay after the ſaid whole ſumme of any paiment of the ſaid Subſidies be ſet by all the limits of the ſame their commiſſion, or in ſuch limits as the high Collectours ſhall be ſo ſeuerally aſſigned: ſhall vnder their ſeales and ſigne manuell, deliuer one eſtreate indented in parchment, compriſing in it the names of all ſuch perſons as were aſſigned to leuy the ſayd particular ſummes, and the ſummes of euery Hundred, Wapentake, Towne and other place aforeſayde, with the names & ſurnames of the perſons ſo chargeable, according to the eſtreat ſo firſt thereof made, and deliuered as is aforeſaid. And the collectors to be aſſigned ſhall be charged to anſwere the whole ſumme compriſed in the ſayd eſtreate limited to his collection, as is aforeſayd.

Prouided alwayes, & be it enacted by the authority aforeſayd, that the ſaid cōmiſſioners hauing authority by this act to name & nominate the ſaid high Collectors of euery of the ſayd Subſidies,

dies, shall immediatly vpon their nomination and election take by authority of this present Parliament, sufficient recognizances or obligations, without any fee or reward to be payd therefore, of euery person so by them to bee named, to be high Collectors, to be bound to the Queenes Maiestie in the double summe of the summe of his collection, and to be indorsed and made vpon such condition, that is to say, for the collection of the sayd first Subsidie: That if the sayd collector his heires or executors doe truely content and pay to the vse of the Queenes Maiestie, her heires or successors, in the receipt of the sayd Exchequer, at or before the said twelft day of Februarie, which shall be in the yeere of our Lord God, one thousand fiue hundred ninety and eight, so much of the said summe of money allotted and appointed to his collection, as he shall collect and gather, and content and pay the residue of his collection, and charge, within one moneth next after such time as he hath gathered and collected the same residue, That then ỹ said recognizances or obligations to be voyde, or else to stand in full strength and vertue. And for the collection of the said second Subsidie, vpon condition that if the sayd Collector, his heires or executors, doe truely content and pay to the vse of the Queenes Maiesty, her heires or successors, in her receipt of the Exchequer, at or before the said 12. day of Februarie, which shall be in the yere of our Lord God, one thousand, fiue hundred ninety and nine, so much of the sayd summe of money, allotted and appoynted to his collection, as he shall collect and gather, and content and pay the residue of his collection and charge within one moneth nert after such time as hee hath gathered and collected the same residue: that then the sayd Recognizances or obligations to be voyd, or else to stand in full strength and vertue. And for the collection of the sayde third Subsidie, vpon collection, that if the sayd collector, his heires or executors do truely content and pay to the vse of the Queenes Maiestie, her heires or successors, in her receipt of Exchequer, at or before the said twelfth day of February, which shall bee in the yeere of our Lord God, one thousand and fire hundred, so much of the sayd summe of money allotted and appoynted to his collection, as he shall collect and gather, and content and pay the residue of his collection and charge, within one moneth nert after such time as hee hath gathered and collected the same redue, that then the said Recognizances or obligations to be void, or else to stand in full strength and vertue. Which sayde seueral Recognizances or Obligations so taken, the sayd Commissioners shall seuerally certifie and deliuer into the Queenes Maesties Exchequer, with the seuerall certificates of the sayd tara-

tions and rates of the payment of the ſayd Subſidies, at and by the time to them preſcribed and appoynted by this Acte, for the certificate of the ſayd ſeuerall taxations of the ſayd Subſidies, vpon paine of forfaiture of tenne pounds to the Queenes Maieſty for euery ſuch Recognizance or Obligation not ſo certified. And that euery ſuch Collector ſo elected, named and choſen vpon requeſt to him made, ſhall knowledge and make the ſayd Recognizance or Obligation vpon paine and forfaiture of twentie pounds to the Queenes Maieſtie for the refuſall thereof. And that the Treaſurer and Barons of the Exchequer for the time being, vpon payment of the ſayd ſeuerall collections of the ſayd Subſidies, at the dayes and times herein limited for the payment thereof, ſhall cancell and deliuer the Recognizances or Obligations for the payment thereof, to the Collector or Collectors, without any other warrant, and without any fee or reward to be payde for the ſame to any perſon. And euery Collector ſo deputed, hauing the ſayd Eſtreate in parchment as is aforeſayd, ſhall haue authoritie by this Acte, appoynt dayes and places, within the circuit of his collection, for the payment of the ſaid Subſidies, to him to be made, and thereof to giue warning by Proclamation, or otherwiſe to all the Conſtables or other perſons or inhabitants hauing the charge of the particular collection within the Hundreds, Parithes, Townes or other places by him or them limited, to make payment for the ſayd particular collection of euery ſumme, as to them ſhal appertain. And at the ſame day and place ſo limited and prefixed by the ſayd high Collector, the ſaid Conſtable, officers, or other perſons, or inhabitants as is aforeſayd, for the ſayd particular collection aſſigned and appoynted within ſuch Hundred, Citie, Towne or other place, do not pay vnto the ſayd high Collectors the ſumme within their ſeuerall Hundreds, Townes, Parithes and other places due and compriſed in the ſaid Eſtreat thereof, to them deliuered by the ſayd Commiſſioners or ſome of them as is aforeſayd, or ſo much thereof as they haue by any meanes receiued (two pence for euery pound of the ſayd particular collection as is aforeſaid, alwaies thereof to be allowed, excepted and abated) that then it ſhall be lawful to the ſaid high Collectors and euery of them, and to their aſſignes, to diſtreine euery of the ſaid Conſtables, Officers and other inhabitants, for their ſaide ſeuerall and particular collection of the ſayd ſummes compriſed in the ſayd Eſtreat and writing thereof, to them and euery of them as is before expreſſed, deliuered, or for ſo much of the ſame ſumme as ſo then ſhall happen to be gathered and leuied, and behind and vnpayd, by the goods and chattels of euery of them ſo being behind,

hinde, and the diſtreſſe ſo taken to be kept, and appꝛiſed and ſold as is aforeſayd, and therof to take and leuie the ſummes ſo then being behinde and vnpaid: And the ouerplus comming of the ſale of the ſaid diſtreſſe (if any be) to be reſtoꝛed and deliuered vnto the owner in foꝛme aboue remembꝛed.

Pꝛouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the authoꝛitie aforeſayd, that no perſon oꝛ perſons ſhall be nominated oꝛ appointed to bee a high Collectoꝛ oꝛ Collectoꝛs foꝛ the ſeconde payment of any Fifteene, Tenth, oꝛ Subſidies, granted by this Acte, which befoꝛe that time hath bene a Collectoꝛ oꝛ Collectoꝛs foꝛ the firſt paiment of any part of the ſame fifteene, Tenths, oꝛ Subſidies, vnleſſe ſuch perſon oꝛ perſons ſo to bee nominated and appoynted high Collectoꝛ oꝛ Collectoꝛs of the ſayd ſecond payment, doe firſt ſhewe foꝛth beforꝛe him oꝛ them by whom hee ſhall be ſo nominated and appointed, his quietus eſt foꝛ the diſcharge of his collection beforꝛe appointed to his charge, vpon paine of one hundꝛed pounds to be payd and foꝛfeited by him oꝛ them that ſo ſhall nominate and appoint any ſuch Collectoꝛ contrary to this pꝛeſent Acte.

Pꝛouided alwaies, that no perſon inhabiting in any citie, boꝛough, oꝛ towne coꝛpoꝛate, ſhall be compelled to be any Aſſeſſoꝛ oꝛ Collectoꝛ, of, oꝛ foꝛ any parte of the ſayd Subſidies, in any place oꝛ places out of the ſayd citie, boꝛough, oꝛ towne coꝛpoꝛate, where he dwelleth.

And it is alſo by the ſayd authoꝛity enacted, that if any inhabitants oꝛ officers, oꝛ whatſoeuer perſon oꝛ perſons charged to and foꝛ the collection & receipt of any part oꝛ poꝛtion of the ſayd Subſidies, by any maner of meanes accoꝛding to this Acte: Oꝛ any perſon oꝛ perſons foꝛ themſelues, oꝛ as Keeper, Gardian, Deputie, Factoꝛ oꝛ Attoꝛney, of, oꝛ foꝛ any other perſon oꝛ perſons, of any goods & chattels of the owner thereof, at the time of the ſaid aſſeſſing to be paid, being out of this Realme oꝛ in any other parts not knowen, oꝛ of and foꝛ the goods and chattels of any other perſon oꝛ perſons of any Coꝛpoꝛation, Fraternitie, Myſterie, oꝛ other whatſoeuer Comminaltie being Coꝛpoꝛate oꝛ not coꝛpoꝛate, and all perſons hauing in their rule, gouernance, and cuſtodie anie Goods oꝛ Chattels at the time of the ſayd aſſeſſing, oꝛ any of them to be made, oꝛ which foꝛ any cauſe, foꝛ and by collection, oꝛ foꝛ himſelfe, oꝛ foꝛ any other, oꝛ by reaſon that he hath the rule, gouernance oꝛ cuſtodie of any Goods oꝛ chattels of any other perſon oꝛ perſons, Coꝛpoꝛation, Comminaltie, Fraternitie, Guild oꝛ Myſtery, oꝛ anie ſuch other like, oꝛ as Factoꝛ, Deputie oꝛ Attoꝛney, of, oꝛ foꝛ any perſon, ſhall be taxed, rated, valued, and ſet to any ſumme oꝛ ſummes,

by reason of this Acte: And after the taxation, or assessing vpon any such person or persons, as shall bee charged with the receipt of the same, happen to die or depart from the place where hee was so taxed and set, or his Goods or Chattels bee so eloyned, or in such priuie and couert manner kept, as the sayd person or persons charged with the same, by Estreattes or other writings from the sayde Commissioners, or as many of them as shall be therunto appointed by the sayd Commission, as is aforesayd, can, ne may leuie the same summe or summes comprised within the same Estreats, by distresse within the limits of their Collection, as is aforesayd, or cannot sell such distresse or distresses, as bee taken for any of the sayd paymentes before the time limitted to the high Collectour for his payment, to bee made in the Queenes Maiesties receipt. Then vpon relation thereof, with due examination by the othe or examination of such person or persons as shall be charged with and for the receipt and collection of the same before the sayd Commissioners or as many of them as by the said Commission shall bee thereunto appointed, where such person or persons, or other as is aforesayd, their goods and chattels, were set and taxed, and vpon plain certificate thereof made in the Queenes Maiesties Exchequer by the same Commissioners as well of the dwelling place, names and summes of the sayd persons of whome the sayd summes cannot be leuied, and had as is aforesayd. Then as well the Constables and other inhabitants apppointed for the same particular collection, against the high Collectors, as the high Collector vpon his accompt and othe in the sayde Exchequer to be discharged thereof, and procesle to bee made for the Queenes Maiestie out of the sayd Exchequer by the discretion of the Barons of the sayd Exchequer, against such person, his heires or executors, so being behinde with his payment. And ouer that the same Commissioners, to whome any such declaration of the premisses shall be made in forme aforesayd, from time to time, shall haue full power and authoritie to direct their precept or precepts vnto the sayde person or persons charged with any summe, of, for and vpon any such person and persons or other as is aforesayd, or to any Sherife, Steward, Bailiffe, or other whatsoeuer Officer, Minister, person or persons of such place or places, where any such person or persons so owing such summe or summes, shall haue Lands and Tenements or other hereditaments, or reall possessions, goods and chattels, whereby any such person or persons so indebted, his heires, executors or assignes, or other hauing the custodie, gouernance or disposition of any goods, chattels, Landes, or Tenements or other hereditaments,

taments, which ought or may by this Acte, lawfully be distreyned or taken for the same, hath and shall haue goods, chattels, landes, tenements or other possessions, whereof such summe or summes which by any such person or persons may or ought to be leuied, be it within the limits of such Commission, where such person or persons was or were taxed, or without in any place within this Realme of Englande, Wales, or other the Queenes Maiesties Dominions, Marches or Territories, by which precept, aswell such person or persons shall be charged to leuie such money as the Officer of the place or places where such distresse may be taken, shall haue full power and authoritie to distreine euery such person indebted, charged or chargeable, by this Acte, or his executors, or administrators of his goods and chattels, his Gardians, Factors, Deputies, Leasses, Farmers and Assignes, and all other persons by whose hands or out of whose lands any such person should haue fee, rent, annuitie or other profite, or which at the time of the sayd assessing, shall haue goods or chattels, or any other thing moueable of any such person or persons, being indebted or owing such summe, and the distresses so taken cause to be kept, appreysed and solde in like manner and forme as is aforesaide, for the distresse to be taken vpon such persons to be taxed to the saide subsidies, & being sufficient to distreine with the limits of the Collectors, inhabitants or other officers charged with or for the said summes so vpon them to be taxed. And if any such distresse for non payment happen to be taken out of the limit of the said persons charged and assigned to leuie the same persons so charged for the leuie of any such summes by distresse, shall perceiue and take of the same distresse, for the labor of euery person going for the execution thereof, for euery mile that any such person so laboureth for the same, two pence. And euery Farmer, Tenant, Gardian, Factor or other whatsoeuer person, being distreined, or otherwise charged for paimēt of any such summe or summes, or any other summe by reason of this Acte, shall be of such summe or summes of him or them so leuied and taken, discharged and acquited at his next day of payment of the same, or at the deliuery of such goods and chattels as he that is so distreined, had in his custodie of gouernance, against him or them that shall be so taxed and set, any graunt or writing Obligatorie, or other whatsoeuer matter to the contrary made heretofore notwithstanding.

And if any such person that should be so distreined, haue no lands or tenements sufficient, whereby hee and his Tenants and Farmers may be distreined, or haue alienes, eloyned or

hidde his goods and chattels, whereby he should or might be distreined, in such manner that such goods and chattels should not be knowen or found, so that the summe of or by him to be payde in the sayde fourme, shall not ne can be conueniently leuied, then vpon relation thereof to the Commissioners, or to as many of them as by the sayde Commission shall be thereunto appointed, where such person or persons was taxed and set by the othes of him or them that shall be charged with the leuying and payment of that summe or summes: The same Commissioners shall make a precept in such manner as is aforesayde, for to attach, take and arrest the bodie of such person or persons that ought to pay the sayd summes: And by this Acte shal be charged with and for the sayd summe and summes, and them so taken, safely to keepe in prison within the Shire or other place, where any such person or persons shall be taken and attached, there to remaine without Bayle or mainepryse vntill he hath payde the sayde Summe or Summes, that such person for himselfe or for any other by this Acte, shall be chargeable or ought to be charged withall, and also for the fees of euery such arrest, to him or them that shall execute such precept, twentie pence: And that euery Officer vnto whom such precept shall be directed, doe his true diligence, and execute the same vpon euery person so being indebted, vpon payne to forfeite to the Queenes Maiestie for euery default in that behalfe twentie shillings: And that no keeper of any goale, from his goale suffer any such person to goe at large, by letting to bayle, or otherwise to depart out of his prison, before he haue paide his sayd debt, and the said twentie pence for the sayd arrest, vpon paine to forfeite to the Queenes Maiestie fourtie shillings: And the same Gaoler to pay to the Queenes Maiestie the double value, as well of the rate, which the sayde person so imprisoned was taxed at, as of the sayd twentie pence for the fees: And like processe and remedy in like forme shall be graunted by the sayd Commissioners, or as many of them as by the sayde Commission shall be thereunto appointed, at like information of euery person or persons being charged with any summe of money for any other person or persons by reason of the sayde Subsidies, and not thereof payde, but wilfully withdrawne, nor the same leuiable within the limits where such persons were thereunto taxed. And if the summe or summes being behinde vnpayde by any person or persons as is aforesayde, be leuied and gathered by force of the sayde processe to be made by the sayd Commissioners, or if in default or for lacke of payment thereof, the person or persons so owing the said summe

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or ſummes of money, by proceſſe of the ſame Commiſſions to be made as is aforeſayd, be committed to priſon in ſome aboue-ſayde, that then the ſayd Commiſſioners, which ſhall awarde ſuch proceſſe, ſhall make certificate thereof in the ſayde Exchequer of that ſhall bee done in the premiſſes, in the terme next following after ſuch ſumme or ſummes of money, ſo being behinde ſhall be leuied and gathered, or ſuch perſon or perſons for non payment of the ſame, committed to priſon. And if it happen any of the ſayd Collectors to be aſſigned, or any Maiors, Sheriffes, Stewards, Conſtables, the Headborough, Burſholder, Bayliffe, or any other Officer or Miniſter, or other whatſoeuer perſon or perſons, to diſobey the ſayde Commiſſioners, or any of them in the reaſonable requeſt to them made by the ſayd Commiſſioners, for the execution of the ſayd Commiſſion, or if any of the Officers or other perſons doe refuſe that to them ſhall appertaine and belong to doe, by reaſon of any precept to him or them to be directed, or any reaſonable commaundement, inſtance or requeſt touching the premiſſes, or other default in any apparance or collection to make, or if any perſon being ſuſpetted not to be indifferently tared as is aforeſayde, doe refuſe to be examined according to the tenor of this Act before the ſaid Commiſſioners, or as many of them as ſhall be thereunto aſſigned, as is aforeſayd, or will not appeare before the ſame Commiſſioners, vpon warning to him made, or elſe make reſiſtance or reſcous vpon any diſtreſſe vpon him to bee taken for any parcell of the ſayde Subſidies, or commit any miſbehauiour in any maner of wiſe contrary to this Acte, or commit any wilfull omiſſion or other whatſoeuer wilfull doing or miſdoing contrary to the tenor of this Act or grant: The ſame Commiſſioners, and euery number of them aboue remembred, or two of them at the leaſt, vpon probable knowledge of any ſuch miſdemeanors had by information or examination, ſhall and may ſet vpon euery ſuch offender for euery ſuch offence in the name of a fine, by the ſame offender to be forfaited, fourty ſhillings or vnder, by diſcretion of the ſame Commiſſioners: And further the ſame Commiſſioners and euery number of them, or two of them at the leaſt, ſhall haue authoritie by this preſent Acte, to puniſh euery ſuch offender by impriſonment, there to remaine, and to be deliuered by their diſcretion, as ſhall ſeeme to them conuenient, the ſaid fines if any ſuch be, to be certified by the ſayd Commiſſioners that ſo aſſeſſed the ſame, into the Queenes Maieſties ſayd Exchequer, there to be leuied and paied by the Collectors of that part for the ſayd Subſidies returned into the ſayd Exchequer, to be therewith charged with

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the payment of the sayd Subsidies, in such maner as if the said fines had bene set and tared vpon the sayd offenders for the sayd Subsidies.

And it is also enacted by the sayd authoritie of this present Parliament, that euery of the sayd high Collectors, which shall accompt for any part of the sayd Subsidies in the sayd Exchequer vpon their seuerall accompts to be yeelded, shall be allowed at euery of the sayd payments of the sayde Subsidies, for euery pound limited to his collection, whereof any such Collector shall be charged and yeelde account, fiue pence, as parcell of their charge, that is to say, of euery pound thereof, for such persons as then haue had the particular Collection of the Townes and other places as is aforesayde, specified in his Collection, two pence, and other two pence of euery pounde thereof, euery of the sayd chiefe Collectors or their Accomptants to retayne to their owne vse, for their labour and charge in and about the premisses, and two pence of euery pound residue, to be deliuered, allowed and payde, by the sayde Collector so being thereof allowed, to such of the Commissioners as shall take vpon them the businesse and labour for and about the premisses: That is to say, Euery Collector to pay that Commissioner or Commissioners which had the ordering of the writings of and for euery of the sayde Subsidies, where the sayd Collector or Collectors had their collection, for the expences for the sayd Commissioners, so taking vpon them the sayde businesse and labour of their Clearkes writing the said precepts and extracts of the sayd collections, the same last two pence of euery pound to be diuided amongst the sayd Commissioners, hauing regard to their labour & businesse taken by them and their sayd Clearkes, in and about the premisses, for which part, so to the sayd Commissioners apperteining, the said Commissioners, fiue, fiue, foure, three, or two, or as many of them as shalbe thereunto appointed by the Queenes Maiesties Commission, and euery of them, ioyntly and seuerally, for his and their sayd part, may haue his remedy against the sayd Collector or Collectors, which thereof beene or might haue beene allowed, by action of debt, in which the defendant shall not wage his Law, neither protection, neither iniunction or essoine shalbe allowed.

And that no person nowe being of the number of the company of this present Parliament, nor any Commissioner shall be named or assigned to be any Collectour, or Subcollectour or Presentour of the saide Subsidies, or any part thereof, nor any Commissioners shall bee compelled to make any presentment or certificate other then into the Queenes

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Maieſties ſayd Exchequer, of, for or concerning the ſayd Subſidies, or any parte or parcell thereof. And likewiſe that no other perſon that ſhall bee named and aſſigned to be Commiſſioners in any place, to and for the execution of this Act of Subſidies, be or ſhall be aſſigned or named head Collector of any of the paiments of the ſayd Subſidies, neither of any part thereof.

And that euery ſuch perſon or perſons which ſhall be named and appoynted as is aforeſayde, to bee head Collectors of and for the payment of the ſayd firſt Subſidie, or of any part thereof, ſhall not be compelled to bee Collectour for the ſayd ſecond Subſidie, nor for any part thereof. And he that ſhall be named or appointed as aforeſayd to be Collector for the payment of the ſayd ſecond Subſidie, or of any part thereof, ſhall not be compelled to bee the Collectour for the payment of the ſayde third Subſidie, nor of any parte thereof. And the ſayde Collectors which ſhall be aſſigned for the collection of the ſayd three Subſidies, or for any part thereof and euery of them, be and ſhall be acquited and diſcharged of all maner Fees, Rewardes and of euery other charges in the Queenes Maieſties Exchequer, or elſewhere, of them or any of them, by reaſon of that collection, payment or accounts, or any thing concerning the ſame to be aſked. And that if any perſon, receiue or take any Fees, Rewards or pleaſures, of any ſuch accomptant, or vſe any vnneceſſary delay in their account, that then he ſhall forfaite to the Queenes Maieſtie for euery peny or value of euery penie or peny wourth ſo taken, fiue ſhillings, and fiue pounds to the party grieued, for euery ſuch delay, and ſuffer impriſonment at the Queenes Maieſties pleaſure. And after euery taxing and aſſeſſing of the ſayd ſeuerall Subſidies (as is aforeſayd) had or made, and the ſayd extracts thereof in Parchment, vnto the Collector in maner and forme before rehearſed, deliuered: The ſayde Commiſſioners which ſhall take vpon them the execution of this Acte within the limites of their Commiſſion, by their agreements ſhall haue meetings together. At which meetings euery of the ſayd Commiſſioners, which then ſhall haue taken vpon them the execution of any parte of the ſayd Commiſſion, ſhall by himſelfe or his ſufficient Deputie, truely certifie and bring fourth vnto the ſayd Commiſſioners named in the ſayde Commiſſion, the certificate and preſentment made before him, and ſuch other Commiſſioners as were limited with him in one limite, ſo that the ſame certificate may bee accounted and caſt with the other Certificates of the other limites within the ſame Commiſſion, and then the ſaid Commiſſioners and euery num-

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ber of them, vnto two at the leaſt as is aforeſayd, if any be in life, or their Executors or Adminiſtrators of their goods, if they then be dead, ſhall ioyntly and ſeuerally as they were diuided within their limites, vnder their ſeales, by their diſcretion make one or ſeuerall writings Indented, containing in it, as well the names of the ſayd Collectors by the Commiſſioners, for ſuch collection and accounts in the Exchequer, and payment in the ſame receipt, deputed and aſſigned, as the groſſe and ſeuerall ſummes, written vnto euery ſuch Collectors to receiue the ſaid Subſidies, and alſo all fines, amerciaments, and other forfeitures, if any ſuch by reaſon of this Acte happen to be within the precinct and limite of their Commiſſion, to be certified into the Queenes Maieſties ſayd Exchequer, by the ſayd Commiſſioners. In which writing or writings indented ſo to be certified, ſhall bee plainely declared and expreſſed the whole and entire ſumme or ſummes of the ſaid Subſidies ſeuerally limited to the collection of the ſayd Collectors ſeuerally deputed and aſſigned to the collection of the ſayd ſummes. So that none of the ſayd Collectours ſo certified in the ſayd Exchequer, ſhall be compelled there to account or to bee charged, but onely to and for the ſummes limitted to his collection, and not to or for any ſumme limitted to the collection of his fellow: But euery of them ſhall be ſeuerally charged for their part limitted to their collection. And if the ſayd Commiſſioners ioyned in one Commiſſion amongſt themſelues, in that matter cannot agree, or if any of thē bee not ready, or refuſe to make certificate with other of the ſame Commiſſioners, that then the ſayd Commiſſioners may make ſeuerall Indentures in forme aforeſayd of their ſeuerall limits or ſeparations of Collectors within the limits of their Commiſſion, vpon and in the Hundreds, wardes, wapentakes, Lathes, Rapes or ſuch other like Diuiſions, within the ſayd ſeuerall limits of their Commiſſion, as the places there ſhall require to be ſeuered and diuided, and as to the ſame Commiſſioners ſhall ſeeme good to make diuiſions of their limits or Collections, for the ſeuerall charges of the ſame Collectors, ſo that alway one Collectour ſhall be charged, and account for his part to him to be limitted onely by himſelfe, and not for any ſumme limitted to the part of any of his fellowes: And the charges of euery of the Collectors to bee ſet and certified ſeuerally vpon them. And euery ſuch Collectour vpon his account and payment of the ſumme of money limitted within his collection, to be ſeuerally by himſelfe acquited and diſcharged in the ſayd Exchequer, without paying any manner Fees or rewards to anie

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perſon or perſons for the ſame, vpon paine and penalty laſt aboueſayd, and not to be charged for any portion of any other Collector: And if any Commiſſioner after he hath taken certificate of them, that as is aforeſayd ſhall be before any ſuch Commiſſioners examined, and the ſummes rated and ſet, and the bookes and writings thereof being in his hands, or if any Collectour or other perſon charged with any receipt of any part of the ſayd Subſidies, or any other perſon tared or otherwiſe by this Acte charged with or for any parcell of the ſayd Subſidies, or with any other ſumme, fine, amerciament, penaltie or other forfaiture, happen to die before the Commiſſioners, Collectours, or other whatſoeuer perſon or perſons, haue executed, accompliſhed, ſatiſfied or ſufficiently diſcharged that which to euery ſuch perſon ſhall appertaine or belong to doe, according to this Acte: Then the executors and heires of euery ſuch perſon, and all other Seiſed of any Lands and Tenements that any ſuch perſon being charged by this Act, and deceaſſing before he bee diſcharged thereof, or any other to his vſe onely, had of eſtate of inheritance at the time, that any ſuch Perſon was named Commiſſioner, Collectour or otherwiſe charged with or for any manner of thing to be done, ſatiſfied or payd by reaſon of this Act, and all thoſe that haue in their poſſeſſions or hands, any goods, cattels, leaſes, or other things, that were to any ſuch Perſon or Perſons, at the time of his death, or any Lands or Tenements that were the ſame perſons at the time he was as is aforeſayd charged by this Acte, ſhall be by the ſame compelled, and charged to doe and accompliſh in euery caſe, as the ſame Perſon ſo being charged ſhould haue done, or might haue bene compelled to doe, if hee had bene in plaine life, after ſuch rate of the Lands and goods of the ſayde Commiſſioner or Collectour, as the partie ſhall haue in his hands. And if the ſayd Commiſſioners for cauſes reaſonable them mooving, ſhall thinke it not conuenient to ioyne in one certificate, as is aforeſayd, then the ſayd perſon or perſons, that ſhall firſt ioyne together, or he that ſhall firſt certifie the ſayd writing Indented (as is aforeſayd) ſhall certifie all the names of the Commiſſioners of that Commiſſion, whereupon ſuch writing ſhall be there then to be certified, with diuiſion of the Hundreds, Wapentakes, Wardes, Cithings and other places, to and among ſuch Commiſſioners of the ſame Commiſſion, with the names of the ſame Commiſſioners, where ſuch ſeparations and diuiſions ſhall be with the groſſe ſummes of money, as well of and for the ſayd Subſidies tared or ſet, of or within the ſayd Hundreds, Wards, Wapentakes, or other

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places to him or them diuided or alligned, that shall so certifie the sayd first writing, as of the fines, amerciaments, penalties, and other forfeitures, if any happen to be within the same limits, whereof the same writings shall be certified. And after such writings Indented, which as is aforesayd shall bee certified, and not contayne in it the whole and full summes, set and taxed within the limits of the same Commission, the other Commissioners of the same, before the day of payment of the sayd Subsidie shall certifie into the sayd Exchequer, by their writing or writings Indented, to be made as is aforesayd, the grosse and seuerall summes, set and taxed within the places to them limited, for euery of the sayd Subsidies, and other fines, Amerciaments, Penalties and forfaitures, with the names of the Hundreds, Wards, Wapentakes, and other places to them alligned, or else by their sayd writings Indented, to certifie at the same place, before the same day of payment, such reasonable causes for their excuses, why they may not make such certificate of and for the sayd Subsidies, fines amerciaments, and other forfaitures growing or set by reason of the causes of their lets, or of their not certifying as is aforesayde, or else in default thereof, procelle to be made out of the Queenes Maiesties sayde Exchequer, against the sayd Commissioners, and of euery of them, not making certificate as is afore sayd, by the discretion of the Treasurer and Barons of the sayde Exchequer.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that the Inhabitants of the Parish of Saint Martin, called Stamford Baron, in the Suburbes of the Borough and Towne of Stamford in the South part of the water there called Wellands, which hereafter shall be contributorie to the payment of these present Subsidies graunted to the Queenes Maiestie, her Heires and Successours, shall bee assessed, rated and taxed for the same, by such Commissioners which shall bee appointed for the taxing, rating and selling of the same Subsidies within the Countie of Lincolne: and shall be for the same contributorie, and pay the sayd Subsidies to the Collector or Collectors, which shall be alligned and appointed, for the leuying and gathering of the same, with the Aldermen and Burgesses of the said Borough and Towne of Stamford.

Prouided alwayes, and be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that all and euery person and persons hauing Manors, Landes, Tenements, and other Hereditaments, chargeable to the payment of the sayde Subsidies graunted to the

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Queenes Maieſtie by this Act, and alſo hauing ſpirituall poſ-ſeſſions chargeable to her ſayd Maieſtie, by the graunt made by the Cleargie of this Realme in their Conuocation, and ouer this, hauing ſubſtance in goods and cattels chargeable by this ſayd Act, that then if any of the ſayd perſon or perſons be here-after charged, aſſeſſed and taxed for the ſayd Mannors, Lands and Tenements, and Spirituall poſſeſſions, and alſo aſſeſſed, charged and taxed for his and their goods and cattels, that then he or they ſhall be onely charged by vertue of this Act, for his and their ſayd Mannors, Lands, Tenements Hereditaments and ſpirituall poſſeſſions, or only for his ſayd goods, and cattels, the beſt thereof to be taken for the Queenes Maieſtie, and not to be charged for both, or double charged for any of them: Any thing in this Acte contained to the contrary in any wiſe not-withſtanding.

Prouided alwayes, that this graunt of Subſidies or any thing therein contayned, in any wiſe extend not to charge the inhabitants dwelling in Ireland, Jerneſey, and Garneſey, or any of them, of, for, or concerning any Manors, Landes, Tene-ments or other poſſeſſions, goods, cattels, or other moueable ſubſtance, which the ſaid inhabitants or dwellers or any others to their vſe haue, within Ireland, Jernſey, and Garnſey, or in any of them, or of, for, or concerning any fees or wages, which any of the ſayd inhabitants or dwellers haue of the Queenes Maieſtie, for their attendance and doing ſeruice to our Soue-raigne Lady the Queenes Maieſtie in Ireland, Jernſey and Garnſey, or in any of them: any thing in this preſent Att to the contrary in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

Prouided alſo, that this preſent Acte of Subſidies, ne any thing therin cõteined, extend to any of the Engliſh inhabitants or reſiants in any of the countries of Northumberland, Cum-berland, Weſtmerland, the Towne of Berwicke, the Towne of Newcaſtel vpon Tine, and the Biſhoprycke of Durham, or to any of them, of, for or concerning any Manors, Landes, Te-nements or other poſſeſſions, goods, cattels or other moueable ſubſtance, which the ſame Engliſh inhabitants or dwellers, or any other to their vſe, haue within the ſayd Counties of Nor-thumberland, Cumberland, Weſtmerland, or the Towne of Barwicke, the Towne of Newcaſtle vpon Tine, or the Bi-hoprycke of Durham or any of them, or of, for or concerning any fees or wages, which any of the Engliſh inhabitants or dwel-lers haue of the Queenes Maieſtie, for their attendance or do-ing ſeruice to the Queenes Maieſtie, for or within the ſayd counties of Northumberland, Cumberland, Weſtmerland, the

Towne of Barwick, the Towne of Newcastle vpon Tine, or the Bishopricke of Durham, or any of them, to or for the sayde taxing, leuying, gathering or payment, but that the English inhabitants and reliants, and euery of them of the said counties, Bishoprick and Townes, and euery of them shall be of and from the sayd Subsidies, and euery parcell thereof onely for their Manors, Lands, Tenements, fees, wages, goods and cattels lying and being in the sayd Counties, Townes and Bishopricke, or any of them, vtterly acquited and discharged: any thing in this present Act before rehearsed to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided also, that all Letters Patents graunted by the Queenes Maiestie, or any of her most noble Progenitors, to any Cities, Boroughes, or Townes within this Realme, of any manner of liberties, Priuiledges or exemptions from the burthen and charge of any such graunts of Subsidies, which bee at this present time in force and vaileable, shall remaine good and effectuall to the sayd Cities, Boroughs and Townes hereafter, according to the purports thereof, although the inhabitants of the same, and also the sayd Corporations, shall vpon the great and weightie considerations of the graunt abouesayd, before this grant charged and contributorie, in like manner, forme and sort, as other Cities, Boroughs, and Townes, which be not in any wise Priuiledged, but by this Acte charged.

Prouided alwayes, and bee it enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that no Orphane or Infant, within the age of xxi. yeeres, borne within any of the Queenes Maiesties Dominions, shall be charged to any payment of these Subsidies, for his or her goods and chattels to him or her left or bequeathed, any thing in this Acte conteyned to the contrarie not withstanding.

Prouided also, that this Acte, nor any thing therein conteined, shall extend to the goods or landes of any Colledge, Hall or Hostel within the Vniuersities of Oxforde and Cambridge, or any of them, or to the goods or landes of the Colledge of Winton, founded by Bishoppe Wickham, or to the goods or landes of the Colledge of Eaton next Windsor, or to the landes, Tenements, or reuenewes onely alligned or appointed for the sustentation and liuing of the poore Knights founded in the Castle or Colledge of Windsor by our late Soueraigne Lorde King Henry the eight, or to any of the goods or chattels of the same Knights or any of them, or to the goods or landes of any common free Grammer Schoole within the Realme of England

land or Wales, or to the goods of any Reader, Schoolemaster or Scholler, or any Graduate or Reliant or remaining for studie without fraude or couine within any of the sayd Vniuersities and Colledges or Townes of Cambridge and Oxford, or Suburbes of the same, or to anie of them, or to any their seruants daylie attending vpon any of them, nor to the goods of any Officer, Minister, Almes men, or seruants belonging to any of the sayd Vniuersities, Colledges, Halles, or Hostels, and dwelling and reliant within the sayd Vniuersities or either of them, or within either of the sayd townes of Cambridge and Oxford, and the Suburbs of the same, without fraud or couine, or to the goods and lands of any Hospitall, Maisondiu, or spittle house, prepared and vsed for the sustentation and relieue of poore people, Any thing in this Act conteined to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Prouided also, and be it further enacted, that the sayd grant of Subsidies or any thing therein conteined, do not in any wise extende or be preiudiciall or hurtfull to any of the inhabitantes or reliants hauing dwelt for the most part of the yeere next before the taxing and assessing of these Subsidies, as aforesayde, within the fiue Portes corporate, or to anie their members incorporated, or vnited to the same fiue Ports, or to any of the sayd fiue Portes, but that such the inhabitants or reliants as aforesayd, in the sayd fiue Ports corporate, and their members, be and shall be of and from the sayd grant and payment of euery of the sayd Subsidies, and euery part thereof, and onely during such their reliancie as aforesayd, and no longer, clearely discharged and acquited, any matter or whatsoeuer thing in this present Act had or made to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided also, that the sayd grant of Subsidies and sixe Fifteenes and Tenths, do not in any wise extend or be preiudiciall or hurtfull to the English inhabitants or reliants at this present time within the liberties of Rumney Marsh, of, or for any part of the sayd summes graunted in this present Parliament, of the sayd English inhabitants nowe there reliants, or any of them to be taxed, set, asked, leuied or paid, but that the sayd English inhabitants, and now reliants of Rumney Marsh aforesayd, and euery of them be, and shall bee, of and from the sayde grant and payment of the said Subsidies and sixe Fifteenes and Tenths during their reliancie there, and no longer acquited and discharged, Any matter and whatsoeuer thing in this present Act made to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided neuertheless, and be it enacted by the authority aforesayd, that if any Alien or stranger borne, denizen or not denizen,

denizen, and dwelling or inhabiting within this realme of England, shal alligne or conuey ouer vnto any his or their child or childzen borne within this sayd realme of England, any his or their lands, tenements, goods or chattels, to the intent therby to defraud the Queenes Maiestie of her sayd Subsidies, of, or for the same, that then all and euery such child or childzen so being seised of any such lands and tenements, or possessed of any such goods or chattels, shall be charged and chargeable to and with the payment of double the sayde Subsidies for the same lands, tenements, goods and chattels, at the sayd rates and values as aliens and strangers, denizens or not denizens are before limited and appointed to pay.

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